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SUBJECT: IMPORT LIBERALIZATION OF INTEGRATED CIRCUITS

REF: A) TOKYO 7554, JUNE 15, 1973; B) TOKYO 1898, FEBRUARY 12,
1974; C) TOKYO 15803, DECEMBER 4, 1974; D) TOKYO 16691,
DECEMBER 24, 1974.

1. EMBASSY REQUESTED CLARIFY WHY GOJ INTEGRATED CIRCUITS (IC'S)
IMPORT LIBERALIZATION ACTION EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 25 (REF. D)
CONSTRUED TO APPLY ONLY TO IC'S FOR NON-COMPUTER USE AND NOT
ALSO TO IC'S FOR COMPUTER USE IN VIEW OF A) MITI OFFICIAL
BULLETIN DECEMBER 24 ANNOUNCEMENT OF DELETION FROM NON-
LIBERALIZED LIST OF "IC'S WITH NOT LESS THAN 200 ELEMENTS IN
CIRCUIT (TARIFF ITEM NO. EX 85.21-2)" APPARENTLY WITHOUT
QUALIFICATION (REF. D), B) MITI'S UNQUALIFIED STATEMENT GIVEN
EMBASSY JUNE 15, 1973 THAT IC'S WOULD BE LIBERALIZED IN 1974
(REF. A), AND C) REAFFIRMATION LAST FEBRUARY OF THIS STATE-
MENT BY MITI WITHOUT INDICATING LIBERALIZATION TO BE WITHHELD
FOR IC'S FOR COMPUTER USE (REF. B).

2. WE NOTE LISTING OF "NON-LIBERALIZED ITEMS" IN MAY 24, 1973
MITI OFFICIAL BULLETIN CONTAINS ONLY ONE BTN ITEM FOR INTEGRATED
CIRCUITS, I.E., "EX 85.21-2 INTEGRATED CIRCUITS (WITH NOT LESS
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THAN 200 ELEMENTS IN CIRCUIT)" AND PROVIDES NO CLUE WHATEVER

THAT IC'S FOR COMPUTER USE COVERED BY EX 84.55, "PARTS SUITABLE FOR USE SOLELY OR PRINCIPALLY WITH"COMPUTERS, COMPUTER PERIPHERAL EQUIPMENT, AND ELECTRONIC CALCULATING MACHINES.

3. WE NOTE ALSO THAT IC INVESTMENT LIBERALIZATION ACTION EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 1974 MAKES SAME DISTINCTION BETWEEN COMPUTER AND NON-COMPUTER USE (REF. C), EVEN THOUGH GOJ OFFICIAL STATEMENT APRIL 25, 1973, FAILED TO MAKE THIS DISTINCTION (TOKYO 5089, APRIL 25, 1973).

4. MATTER RAISED WITH HOSOKAWA, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, AMERICAN AND OCEANIA DIVISION, INTERNATIONAL TRADE POLICY DIVISION, MITI, ON OCCASION HIS CALL JANUARY 13 ON COMMERCE DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOX. HOSOKAWA OFFERED LOOK INTO MATTER AND REVIEW WITH EMBASSY. KISSINGER

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